



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

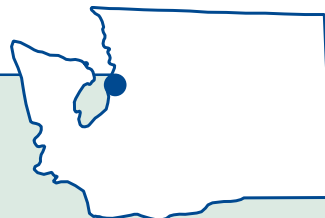
Seattle Housing Authority, WA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Seattle Housing Authority was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The former NuWay Cleaners site is the focus of this grant. The site is situated in a key location along the 12th Avenue Corridor in the heart of Seattle (population 563,374). Contaminants from the site are migrating toward an adjacent property that also requires cleanup. The median household income of residents in the surrounding area is less than half the city median. Thirty-one percent of neighborhood families live below the poverty level, and more than 46 percent of residents are minorities. Spurred by neighborhood residents, the city has developed a revitalization plan that envisions the



Cleanup Grant

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Seattle Housing Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the former NuWay Cleaners site at 113-117 S. 12th Avenue. Soil and groundwater at the site are contaminated with tetrachloroethene. Funds will be used to clean up contaminated soil, remove underground storage tanks, and monitor groundwater. The Authority plans to coordinate this project with cleanup of an adjacent site.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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corridor as a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use boulevard. Once the NuWay Cleaners site is cleaned up, the Authority plans to use the property for a building that will include retail space and about 100 units of affordable housing. Redevelopment will help address the area's growing housing needs. The Authority expects this project to generate over 50 permanent jobs for local residents.